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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MBTA JANITORIAL WORKERS

WHEREAS, The City of Boston recognizes that the contracted janitors who clean MBTA stations work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for T riders; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 the Boston City Council held a hearing and heard from numerous MBTA janitors about the work it takes to maintain clean stations given the current staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, Following that hearing, the Council passed a resolution supporting the MBTA janitors and urging the MBTA to reconsider the proposed cuts; and

WHEREAS, Currently the MBTA plans to eliminate 100 contracted janitors citing the need to cut costs and balance its budget; and

WHEREAS, These cuts will do little to fix the major problems associated with the MBTA budget; and

WHEREAS, Contracted janitors, who are among the MBTA's lowest paid workers, do not deserve to bear the brunt of cost saving measures; and

WHEREAS, The elimination of these jobs will cause tremendous hardship for these workers and their families and send shockwaves through the largely low-income, minority communities in Boston and Greater Boston where they reside; and

WHEREAS, The MBTA has recognized its obligation to provide an exceptionally clean and safe environment at all times for its patrons and employees; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Boston deserve a clean and safe public transportation system; **NOW**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, express its continued support for MBTA janitorial workers as an integral part of our public transportation system, and does hereby urge the MBTA to take all necessary steps to prevent these job cuts and to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and safety for all those who rely on MBTA services.

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